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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :  
: Shunsaku MURAOKA, et al. :  
: Application No.: Not yet assigned : Group Art Unit: Not yet assigned  
: Filed: June 16, 2006 : Examiner: Not yet assigned  
: For: METHOD FOR INITIALIZING RESISTANCE-VARIABLE MATERIAL, MEMORY  
DEVICE CONTAINING A RESISTANCE-VARIABLE MATERIAL, AND METHOD  
FOR INITIALIZING NONVOLATILE MEMORY CIRCUIT INCLUDING  
VARIABLE RESISTOR

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.